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SUBJECT: PETROL TRUCKERS STRIKE

1. INDEPENDENT TRUCKERS TRANSPORTING FUEL FOR MOBIL, AGIP,
AND TOTAL WENT ON STRIKE JAN. 31 IN ERITREA. SHELL RE-
PORTEDLY NOT YET AFFECTED BY STRIKE.

2. TRUCKERS (OWNERS AND DRIVERS) ARE REFUSING TO TRANSPORT
FUEL FROM MASSAWA TO ASMARA AND ELSEWHERE. ACCORDING TO
LOCAL BUSINESS SOURCE, ISSUES ARE COST OF MAINTENANCE AND
PARTS FOR TRUCKS AND DEMANDS BY TRUCKERS FOR INCREASED RATES.

3. REPS OF OIL COMPANIES MET WITH ACTING GOVGEN FEB. 1 BUT
NOTHING WAS RESOLVED AT MEETING. ACCORDING TO LCOAL SOURCE,
SOME INDUSTRIES HERE WILL BECOME AFFECTED IF
STRIKE IS NOT SETTLED BY FEB. 6. OIL DEALERS HAVE
NO STORAGE FACILITIES AT ASMARA THOUGH SOME CLIENTS DO, BUT
WITHOUT REGULAR REPLENISHMENT, FUEL SUPPLIES
AT SUCH PLACES AS THE SEDAO ELECTRIC PLANT COULD BECOME
DEPLETED IF STRIKE IS NOT SETTLED WITHIN WEEK OR TWO.
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